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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: AL-QADHDHAFI PRESS CONFERENCE

LD221822 REF LD221110Y (TRIPOLI JANA ARABIC 220700--AL-QADHDHAFI

SETS GUIDELINES FOR ECONOMY, PEOPLE'S ROLE)

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NO CHANGE IN BODIES OF PEOPLE'S CONGRESSES)

TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC AT 1322 GMT ON 22 OCTOBER CARRIES A 78-MINUTE RECORDED PRESS CONFERENCE--HEARD WITH POOR-FAIR RECEPTION--HELD BY COL MU-AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, IN TRIPOLI ON 20 OCTOBER. THE PRESS CONFERENCE DEALS IN LARGE PART WITH THE ROLE OF THE PEOPLE'S CONGRESSES ON THE OCCASION OF THE FORTHCOMING DEBATE OF VARIOUS ISSUES IN THOSE CONGRESSES. THE PRESS CONFERENCE ALSO

DEALS WITH THE NEED FOR EVERYONE TO TAKE PART IN THE DEBATE, THE ROLE OF TRADE UNIONS IN THIS REGARD AND THAT OF THE INFORMATION MEDIA TO ENLIGHTEN THE PUBLIC; IT ALSO DEALS WITH THE NEED TO REORGANIZE THE STRUCTURE OF EMPLOYMENT IN ORDER TO RELEASE UNPRODUCTIVE MANPOWER FOR PRODUCTION, THE POWER OF THE CONGRESSES IN DETERMINING THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS--INCLUDING THAT OF NATIONALITY--AS WELL AS ELEMENTS OF THE BUDGET. ONE

QUESTIONER ASKED HOW THE DEBATE WILL DEAL WITH SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS AND THE QUESTIONS OF FOREIGN LOANS. IN REPLY AL-QADHDHAFI STATED: "SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION. WE ARE COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ((WORDS INDISTINCT)). WE HAVE NO OTHER OPTION IN THIS MATTER, AND IT IS BEYOND ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION. HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF SUPPORT FOR AND THE OPINION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND WHICH ONES SHOULD BE SUPPORTED AS WELL AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED SOLUTIONS ARE ALL MATTERS WHICH THE CONGRESSES WILL DETERMINE. BUT WE KNOW THAT ALL THE PEOPLE OF LIBYA BELIEVE THAT THE ORGANIZATION WHICH ACCEPTS AN AMERICAN SOLUTION SHOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED, BECAUSE THE AMERICAN SOLUTION AMOUNTS TO UNDERMINING THIS QUESTION AND A BETRAYAL."

AL QADHDHAFI GOES ON TO SAY THAT "IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE MAY BE MORE SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND THIS MAY INVITE AGGRESSION AGAINST THE JAMAHIRIYAH. THE LIBYAN PEOPLE MUST UNDERSTAND THIS AND LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES." ON THIS SAME THEME AL-QADHDHAFI ALSO NOTES THAT "OUR STAND ON THE SIDE OF THE REJECTION ORGANIZATIONS IS AFFECTING OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHER STATES, BOTH ARAB AND FOREIGN ONES. FOR EXAMPLE, OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AT PRESENT ARE BAD. THE UNITED STATES DECIDED TO ADOPT THIS ATTITUDE BECAUSE WE SUPPORT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE; BECAUSE OF THIS THE UNITED STATES HAS PUT LIBYA ON THE BLACKLIST."

FINALLY THE PRESS CONFERENCE DEALS WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONGRESSES FOR DETERMINING THE RECIPIENTS OF LIBYAN LOANS AND THE AMOUNT, DURATION AND INTEREST RATES OF THESE LOANS.

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